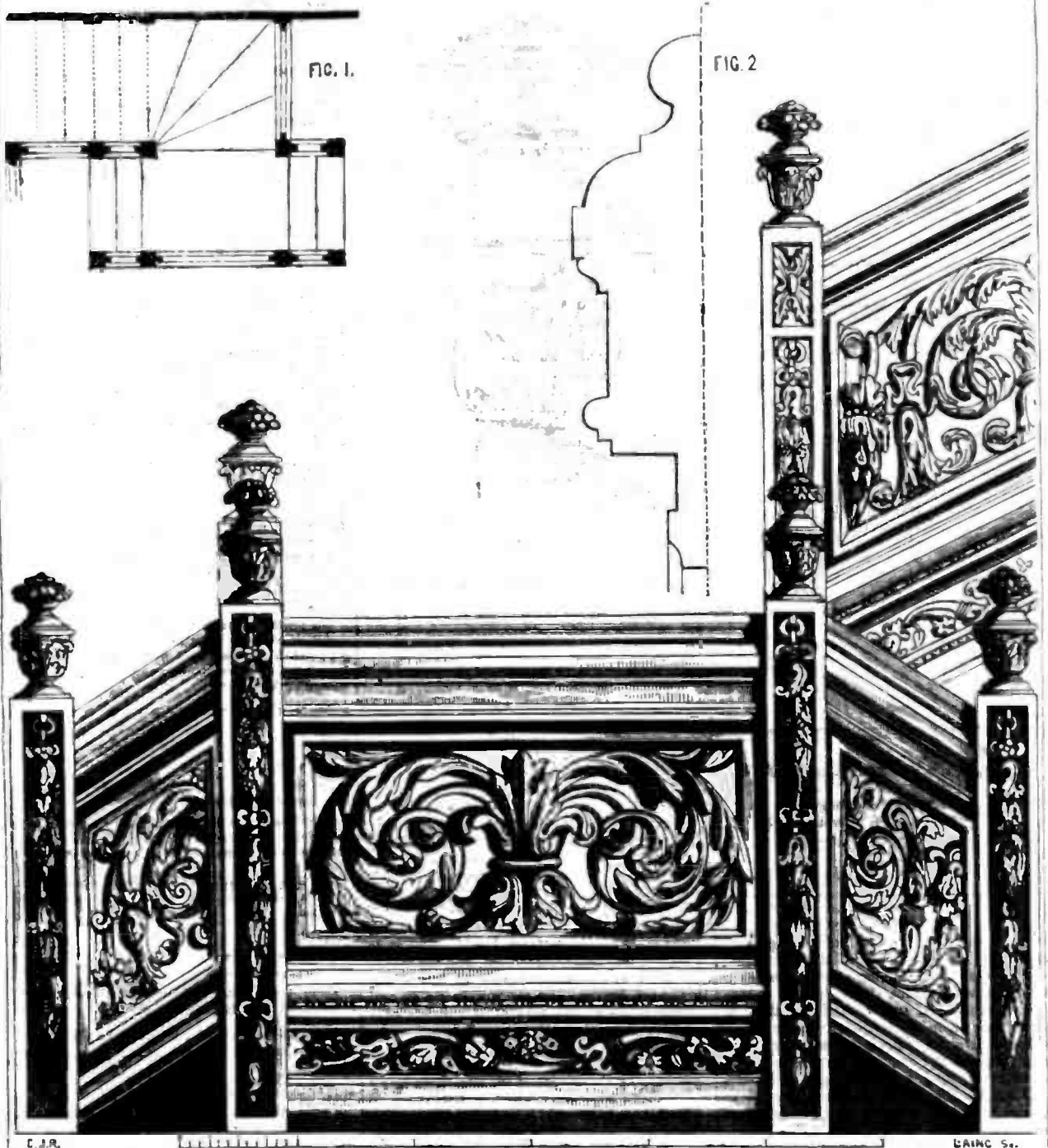


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Our plate shews a portion of the curiously carved staircase at a well known old house at Greenwich by the water side, adjoining Trinity Hospital. Our engraving represents the staircase at its commencement in the basement. It is carried up through the whole height of the building in the same style: the ceiling or soffit under the stairs, is enriched with ornamental plaster work. The house was erected by Andrew Coggan, a merchant of London, about the year 1633: he married Mary, daughter of Sir Hugh Hamersley, knight, and alderman of London. In the centre of the enriched plaster ceiling of the dining-room are the Coggan arms impaling those of Hamersley.

The interior of the house is very nearly in its original state. There is a very curious internal court. The rooms have several good doorcases and ornamental plaster ceilings.

Fig. 1 is a plan of the stairs, shewing the

double approach. The diagram adjoining it shews the half section of handrail. Fig. 2 shews section of the entablature under steps, with the carved pendant under newel; and fig. 4 shews the top of one of the newels at large.

NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

THE first stone of a new synagogue was laid on Monday week, in St. Faith's-lane, Norwich. — The report on the improvement of the sanitary state of Ipswich estimates the cost of a perfect system of sewerage at 60,000*l*. This includes means for supplying every house with water, and for carrying off both surface and household drainage; under two systems: it also includes the entire repaving of the town, which at present is in the most disgraceful state. — It has been resolved by the parishioners of St. Thomas, Newport, Isle of Wight, to commence a sub-

scription of 5,000*l*. to 6,000*l*. for the rebuilding of their church, which appeared, from a report by Mr. Hardwick, to be in so ruinous a state that complete repair would have been little less than entire restoration at any rate. Some few years, it is thought, will transpire before a sufficient fund for the rebuilding will be accumulated. — At the late quarter sessions for Radnor a discussion arose on the propriety of repairing the Radnor half of Glasbury-bridge, while Brecon refused to do anything whatever to strengthen its side, which is 'by far the worse.' An estimate had been made out by the surveyor, Mr. Wislade, from which it appeared that 257*l*. odd would be requisite for the Radnor side, unless the bridge were to be rebuilt in stone, in which event the Radnor side would cost 800*l*. to 1,000*l*. The Rev. J. Price said he could not see the use of the county repairing their side unless the other also were repaired, and he wished to know what would become of the wooden half if it were repaired while Brecon determined in